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SUBJECT: IVP GRANT NOMINATION: JANUSZ MORGENSTERN

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1. THE EMBASSY HERewith NOMINATES JANUSZ MORGENSTERN, FILM DIRECTOR, FOR A FY-75, 42-DAY INTERNATIONAL VISITORS GRANT.

2. BIO-DATA:

A. NAME: JANUSZ MORGENSTERN
B. DATE AND PLACE OF BIRTH: NOVEMBER 11, 1922, MIKULINCE, POLAND.
C. CITIZENSHIP: POLISH
D. PERMANENT HOME ADDRESS: NOWOMIEJSKA 1/3, APT. 27, WARSAW.
E. ACADEMIC TRAINING: MR MORGENSTERN IS A 1956 GRADUATE OF THE LODZ FILM INSTITUTE.
F. PRESENT POSITION: FILM DIRECTOR, PROFESSOR AT THE FILM INSTITUTE, LODZ.
G. PREVIOUS POSITIONS:
155-59: ASSISTANT FILM DIRECTOR, POLISH FILM INDUSTRY.
159-75: FILM DIRECTOR, POLISH FILM INDUSTRY.
1966-75: PROFESSOR, FILM INSTITUTE, LODZ.
H. AWARDS:
1961: "SILVER BOOMERANG" AN MELBOURNE, AUSTRALIA, PRIZE FOR DIRECTING "SEE YOU TOMORROW".
1692: STRATFORD, U.K., PRIZE FOR DIRECTING "AMBULANCE".
1964: FIRST PRIZE FOR DIRECTING, SAN FRANCISCO, "JOVITA".
1967: PRIZE FOR DIRECTING AT SAN SEBASTIAN, SPAIN.
I. PREVIOUS TRAVELS: 1965: SWITZERLAND; 1967: SAN SEBASTIAN,
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SPAIN; 1969: INDIA (FOR POLISH FILM WEEK); 1972: WEST

GERMANY (TO SERVE ON THE JURY FOR THE GERMAN FILM FESTIVAL).

HE HAS TRAVELED EXTENSIVELY IN WESTERN EUROPE.

J. FILMS DIRECTED: MAJOR TITLES ONLY: "SEE YOU TOMORROW",

"LIFE ONCE FORE", "AND SILENCE WILL COME", "CAPTAIN KLOSS"

(TV SERIES), "COLUMBUS-197P", "THIS LOVE MUST BE KILLED",

"SOS"(TV SERIES).

K. KNOWLEDGE OF ENGLISH: AN ESCORT INTERPRETER WILL BE REQUIRED

TO ACCOMPANY MORGENSTERN THROUGHOUT HIS TRIP.

L. OTHER LANGUAGES: GERMAN, RUSSIAN.

M. MARITAL STATUS: MARRIED, NO CHILDREN.

3. PROGRAM PROPOSALS:

A. WASHINGTON, DC: MORGENSTERN WOULD APPRECIATE AN APPOINTMENT

AT THE AMERICAN FILM INSTITUTE WHILE HE IS IN WASHINGTON. HE

ALSO WANTS TO MEET WITH JOHN HSIRLEY, USIA ASSISTANT DIRECTOR

FOR IEE, WITH WHOM HE IS WELL ACQUAINTED. WE SUGGEST ARRANGE-

MENTS ALSO BE MADE FOR MORGENSTERN TO ATTEND A PERFORMANCE AT

THE KENNEDY CENTER, AT FORDS THEATER, AND AT THE ARENA STAGE,

IF THESE CAN BE SCHEDULED. THOUGH HE WILL NEED AN ESCORT/INTER-

PRETER FOR HIS TRIP, HIS ABILITY TO UNDERSTAND ENGLISH IS IMPROV-

ING RAPIDLY. HE IS MAKING A SINCERE EFFORT TO IMPROVE HIS

COMPREHENSION BEFORE HE LEAVES FOR THE U.S.

B. ATLANTA, GEORGIA/DALLAS, TEXAS: MORGENSTERN HAS EXPRESSED AN

INTEREST IN VISITING THE SOUTHERN PART OF THE U.S. AND IN SEEING

REGIONAL THEATERS. WE SUGGEST VISITS TO BOTH CITIES FOR THIS

PURPOSE.

C. GRAND CANYON: MORGENSTERN'S WIFE, AN ACCOMPLISHED WEAVER, WILL

ACCOMPANY HIM DURING PART OF HIS TOUR AT HER OWN EXPENSE. MRS

KRYSZYNA CIERNIAK-MORGENSTERN WILL FLY TO NEW YORK WITH HER

HUSBAND AND REMAIN THERE WITH FRIENDS (MRS DAVID HALBERSTAM)

WHILE HE VISITS WASHINGTON, ATLANTA, AND DALLAS. THE MORGENSTERNS

HOPE TO VISIT THE GRAND CANYON TOGETHER AND THEN MRS MORGENSTERN

WILL ACCOMPANY HER HUSBAND FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE TRIP.

D. LOS ANGELES/SAN FRANCISCO CALIFORNIA: MORGENSTERN BECAME WELL

ACQUAINTED WITH AMERICAN AUTHOR/PLAYWRIGHT JEROME LAWRENCE DURING

THE LATTER'S RECENT VISIT TO WARSAW. LAWRENCE HAS OFFERED TO HOST

A PARTY FOR THE MORGENSTERNS AT HIS HOME IN MALIBU, CALIFORNIA,

AND HAS ASKED THAT THE DEPARTMENT CONTACT HIM FOR ASSISTANCE IN

ARRANGING THE LOS ANGELES/HOLLYWOOD/SAN FRANCISCO PORTION OF

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MORGENSTERN'S TRIP. MORGENSTERN HAS EXPRESSED SPECIFIC INTEREST

IN MEETING WITH FILM DIRECTOR ADAM HOLLENDER AND ROMAN POLANSKI,

WHOM HE KNOWS WELL. HE IS ALSO WELL-ACQUAINTED WITH MRS EWA

PAPE, 1289 N. CRESCENT HTS. BLVD., LOS ANGELES, CAL. 90046, WHO

SHOULD ALSO BE CONTACTED CONCERNING THE VISIT TO LOS ANGELES.

E. NEW YORK/NEW ENGLAND: MORGENSTERN WOULD LIKE TO END HIS TRIP

TO THE U.S. WITH VISITS TO THE NEW YORK CITY/NEW ENGLAND AREA.

DEPARTMENT SHOULD CONTACT MRS ELZBIETA (CZYZEWSKA) HALBERSTAM,

(MRS DAVID HALBERSTAM), A FORMER POLISH ACTRESS WHO IS NOW STARRING IN A NEW PRODUCTION IN NEW HAVEN CONN. MORGENSTERN WOULD LIKE TO VISIT NEW HAVEN DURING HIS VISIT TO NEW YORK.

4. MR AND MRS MORGENSTERN ARE NOW PLANNING TO LEAVE FOR THE U.S. ON OR ABOUT MAY 1, 1975. PLEASE ADVISE ASAP IF THIS ARRIVAL DATE IS ACCEPTABLE.
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